

## Lean Six Sigma Symbols and Abbreviations

### A

	Alpha, risk of rejecting the null hypothesis erroneously
A	Analyze
A/P	Accounts payable
A/R	Accounts receivable
ADU	Average daily units
AFR	Average failure rate
ANOM	Analysis of means
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
AQL	Acceptable quality level
ARL	Average run length
AV	Appraiser variation
AVG	Average
AWU	Average weekly units

### B

	Beta, risk of not rejecting the null hypothesis erroneously
$B_i$	Batch size for Part i
BB	Black Belt
BNVA	Business non-value add
BOH	Balance on-hand
BOM	Bill of material
BOO	Balance on-order

### C

C	Control and customer
c chart	Control chart for nonconformities
C&E	Cause and effect (diagram)
CAPEX	Capital expenditures
CBR	Critical to business requirement
CCP	Critical Control Point. A step, point or procedure at which control can be applied and a food safety hazard can be prevented, eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level. Part of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) program.
CCR	Critical to customer requirement
CTQ	Critical to quality
CDF	Cumulative distribution function
CEO	Chief executive officer
CFM	Continuous flow manufacturing
CFO	Chief financial officer
CI	Continuous improvement or confidence interval
CL	Center line in an SIPOC chart
COGS	Cost of goods sold
COPQ	Cost of poor quality
COQ	Cost of quality
COS	Cost of sales
$C_p$	Capability index which shows the process capability potential but does not

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consider how centered the process is.

$C_{pk}$	Capability index used to compare the natural tolerance of a process within the specification limits. $C_{pk}$ has a value equal to $C_p$ if the process is centered on the nominal; if $C_{pk}$ is negative, the process mean is outside of the specification limits; if $C_{pk}$ is between 0 and 1 then the natural tolerances of the process falls outside the spec limits.
CRP	Capacity resource planning
CTC	Critical to cost
CTD	Critical to delivery
CTI	Cycle time interval
$CTI_i$	Cycle time interval for part i
CTB	Critical to business
CTP	Critical to process
CTQ	Critical to quality
CUSUM	Control chart which plots the cumulative deviation of each subgroup's average from the nominal value.
CV	Coefficient of variation
CVA	Customer value added

### D

D chart	Demerit chart
DC	Distribution center
DF	Degrees of freedom
DFM	Design for manufacturability
DL	Direct labor
$DMD_i$	Demand for part i
DFSS	Design for six sigma
DMAIC	Define, measure, analyze, improve, control
DMEDI	Define, measure, explore, develop and implement
DOE	Design of experiments
DOF	Degrees of freedom
DPM	Defects per million
DPMO	Defects per million opportunities
DPO	Defects per opportunity
DPU	Defects per unit
DSO	Days sales outstanding

### E

ECN	Engineering change order
EDI	Electronic data interchange
EH&S	Environment, health and safety
EMEA	Error modes and effects analysis
EOQ	Economic order quantity
ERP	Enterprise requirements planning
EV	Equipment variation
EVA	Economic value add
EVOP	Evolutionary operations

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EXITS	Process throughput (units/time)	
<b>F</b>		
FG	Finished goods	
FMEA	Failure mode and effects analysis	
FPO	Firm planned order	
<b>G</b>		
G	Number of subgroups	
Gage R&R	Gage repeatability and reproducibility	
GAP	General accounting principles	
GB	Green Belt	
GPS	Group problem solving	
<b>H</b>		
$H_a$	Alternative hypothesis	
$H_o$	Null hypothesis	
<b>I</b>		
IDL	Indirect labor	
IS	Information systems	
IT	Information technology	
<b>J</b>		
JIT	Just in time	
<b>K</b>		
KCA	Knowledge centered activity	
KPIV	Key process input variables	
KPOV	Key process output variables	
KSF	Key success factors	
<b>L</b>		
LCL	Lower control limit (in SPC)	
LSL	Lower specification limit	
LSS	Lean Six Sigma	
LT	Lead time	
<b>M</b>		
	Mu, population true mean	
$\hat{\mu}$	Estimate of population mean	
MIS	Management information systems	
MPS	Master production schedule	
MRO	Maintenance and repair	
MRP	Material requirements planning	
MRPII	Material resource planning	
MS	Mean square	
MSA	Measurement systems analysis	
MTBF	Mean time between failure	
MTBF	Mean time between failures	

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MTTF Mean time to fail

### N

n Sample size

NGT Nominal group technique

NOPAT Net operating profit after tax

$np$  (chart) SPC chart of number of nonconforming items

NVA Non-value add

### O

OE Owners earnings

OEE Overall equipment effectiveness

OF Order frequency

OP Operating profit

OSHA Occupation Safety and Health Administration

OTD On-time delivery

### P

P Probability

$p$  (chart) Control chart of the proportion of defective units (or fraction defective) in a subgroup. Based on the binomial distribution

P Value The probability of making a Type I error.

P/T Precision to tolerance ratio

PAT Profit after tax

PC Production control

PCE Process cycle efficiency

PLT Process lead time

PD Product development

PDF Probability density function

$P_i$  Processing time per unit for part i

PIP Project in process

POU Point of use

$P_p$  Performance index (AIAG 1995b) (calculated using "long-term" standard deviation)

PP&E Plant property and equipment

$P_{pk}$  Performance index (AIAG 1995b) (calculated using "long-term" standard deviation)

PPM Parts per million (defect rate)

PPV Purchase price variance

$PR_i$  Production Rate for Part i

### Q

QC Quality control

QFD Quality function deployment

### R

R Range (in SPC)

r Number of failures, correlation coefficient

R&D Research and development

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$r(t)$	System failure rate at time (t) for the NHPP model
$R^2$	Coefficient of determination
$R_b$	Rate of the bottleneck
RACI	Responsible, accountable, consulted, informed
RCCP	Rough cut capacity planning
RM	Raw material
ROC	Return on capital
RONA	Return on net assets
RPS	Replenishment pull system
RSM	Response surface methodology
RTY	Rolled throughput yield

### S

s	Standard deviation of a sample
$\sigma$	Sigma, population standard deviation
$\hat{\sigma}$	Estimate for population standard deviation
$\hat{s}$	Estimate for standard deviation of a sample
S Chart	Sample standard deviation chart
S&OP	Sales and operations planning
SG&A	Sales, general and administrative
SKU	Stock keeping unit
SL	Service level
SLOB	Slow and obsolete inventory
SMED	Single minute exchange of dies
SOP	Standard operating procedure
SPC	Statistical process control
SS	Safety stock
SS	Sum of squares
$SU_i$	Setup time for part i

### T

TPM	Total productive maintenance, total preventive maintenance
TPS	Toyota production system

### U

u (chart)	SPC chart of number of nonconformities per unit
UCL	Upper control limit (SPC)
USL	Upper specification limit

### V

VA	Value add
VAMS	Value added manufacturing systems
VOB	Voice of the business
VOC	Voice of the customer
VOP	Voice of the process

### W

WACC	Weighted average cost of capital
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WCT Workstation turnover time  
WIP Work in process

### **X**

$\bar{x}$  Mean of a variable x  
 $\tilde{x}$  Median of variable x  
 $\bar{x}$  chart SPC chart of means (i.e., x-bar chart)  
Xmr  
(chart) SPC chart of individual and moving range measurements

### **Y**

$Y_i$  Yield for part i